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SUMMARY. HIGHLIGHTED BY A JOINT PEOPLE'S DAILY-RED FLAG  
EDITORIAL NOTE, A COLLECTION OF 33 MARX-ENGELS-LENIN QUOTES  
ON DICTATORSHIP HAS JUST BEEN ISSUED, GIVING ADDED THRUST  
TO THE CAMPAIGN TO IMPROVE DISCIPLINE AND PRODUCTION.  
MEANWHILE REPORTS ABOUT POSTER AND PROTEST ACTIVITIES IN  
NANKING AND CANTON INVOLVING DISSATISFACTION OVER WAGES  
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INDICATE THIS ISSUE CONTINUES TO BE TROUBLESOME. IN THE  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS FIELD, THE UNEXPECTED ANNOUNCEMENT THAT  
SINGAPOREAN FONMIN RAJARATNAM WILL VISIT PEKING IN MARCH  
UNDERScores CHINA'S CONTINUING INTEREST IN NORMALIZING  
RELATIONS WITH THE ASEAN COUNTRIES. FURTHER POSITIVE  
SIGNS OF A POSSIBLE THAW IN SINO-INDIAN RELATIONS HAVE  
BEEN NOTED IN CONNECTION WITH PING-PONG AND CHINESE  
PUBLIC UTTERANCES.

1. MARX-ENGELS-LENIN ON DICTATORSHIP

THE CAMPAIGN TO IMPROVE DISCIPLINE AND STABILITY ADVANCED DURING THE WEEK. UNDER A JOINT EDITORIAL NOTE WITH RED FLAG, PEOPLE'S DAILY FEBRUARY 22 PUBLISHED A LENGTHY COLLECTION OF 33 QUOTES FROM MARX-ENGELS-LENIN ON DICTATORSHIP AND THE PROVINCES HAVE BEGUN TO PICK THESE UP AS KEY STUDY MATERIAL. THE COLLECTION RECALLS THE "LITTLE RED BOOK" OF MAO QUOTES FROM THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION BUT IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHAT THIS TURN TO MARXIST-LENINIST SOURCES MAY MEAN FOR A FURTHER DOWNGRADING OF MAO THOUGHT. SOME OF THE QUOTES, FROM LENIN'S "LEFT-WING COMMUNISM, AN INFANTILE DISORDER," WOULD SEEM A WARNING TO THE LEFT IN PARTICULAR THAT UNRULY BEHAVIOR IS OUT OF SEASON (HK 1899). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

2. PERSISTENT PROBLEMS IN PROVINCES

DESPITE THE REGIME PUSH FOR DISCIPLINE, SIGNS OF DISUNITY CONTINUE TO BE APPARENT. THE LONDON TIMES AND A REUTER'S FEBRUARY 20 STORY BOTH REPORT NEW POSTERS IN NANKING WHICH ATTACK LONG-TIME TARGET PROVINCE VICE CHAIRMAN WU TA-SHENG, POLITBURO MEMBERS AND NOW CANTON MR COMMANDER HSU SHIH-YU, AND KIANGSU'S NEW CIVILIAN BOSS PENG CHUNG. PENG IS ACCUSED OF BEING "ANTI-MAO" AND OF OPPOSING THE SENDING OF YOUTH TO THE COUNTRYSIDE (DCY). CRITICISM OF PENG IS PARALLELED BY SOME MESSAGES OF SUPPORT IF HE DOES NOT "TURN TO THE RIGHT." IN ADDITION, PROTESTS OF EX-SERVICEMEN CONTINUE TO SPARK POSTERS IN CANTON.(BEGIN CONF/NFD) TO COPE WITH THIS, A KWANGTUNG DIRECTIVE DEFINES THEIR EFFORTS AS "ECONOMISM" AND AN NCNA NATIONWIDE BROADCAST ON EX-SERVICEMEN IN SHENSI NOTES THAT IN 1974 MANY WORKERS WERE BEING MISLED BY "BOURGEOUS THINKING" (HK 2011). END CONF/NFD.  
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3. A FEBRUARY 26 HONG KONG WEN WEI PAO ARTICLE REPRINTED FROM THE SHANGHAI JOURNAL MAKES CLEAR THE POINT THAT THE EXERCISE OF DEMOCRATIC FREEDOMS AND THE "FOUR BIGS" OF MASS CRITICISM MUST BE KEPT CLEARLY WITHIN THE CONFINES OF SERVING THE INTERESTS OF THE DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT. A FEBRUARY RED FLAG ARTICLE BY HSIANG HUI ON DEMOCRATIC CENTRALISM GIVES NATIONAL SANCTION (WR 8; HK 0858) TO THE IDEA THAT "GOING AGAINST THE TIDE" IS ACCEPTABLE ONLY SO FAR AS IT CONFORMS TO PARTY DISCIPLINE (NCNA DOMESTIC CHINESE FEBRUARY 21 BROADCAST). THUS, THERE IS NOW EVIDENCE THAT THE DISCIPLINE CAMPAIGN IS BEING DIRECTED AT TROUBLESOME GROUPS WHICH BECAME MORE ACTIVE DURING THE CRITICISM CAMPAIGN LAST YEAR (HK 0671). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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#### 4. RC PELNUMS AND PRODUCTION

TIBET AND HONAN RECENTLY HELD REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE PLENUMS, CONTINUING THE NATIONWIDE SERIES OF POST-NPC PROVINCIAL MEETINGS (WR 8). REFLECTING THE REGIME'S ECONOMIC PREOCCUPATIONS, THE TIBETAN PLENUM REVEALED THAT A NATIONAL PLANNING CONFERENCE HAS BEEN HELD, WHILE HONAN DISCUSSED THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC PLAN FOR THE PROVINCE IN 1975 AND THE QUESTION OF "ORGANIZING A LEAP FORWARD IN INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION". WITH THE REVELATION OF A NATIONAL PLANNING CONFERENCE AND CONTINUING PROVINCIAL REFERENCES TO ORGANIZING A LEAP FORWARD (WR 8), WE EXPECT PROVINCES ARE NOW WORKING OUT THEIR CONCRETE ECONOMIC GOALS FOR 1975. (RADIO TIBET FEB. 24, RADIO HONAN FEB. 22).  
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#### 5. CADRES LABOR AND PRODUCTION MOTIVATION

WHILE CHAIRMAN MAO ENVISAGED THAT HIS MAY 7, 1966 INSTRUCTION TO CADRE TO PARTICIPATE IN LABOR WOULD BE BENEFICIAL FOR THE CADRE'S OUTLOOK AND PREVENT THEIR BECOMING DIVORCED FROM THE MASSES, CURRENT CALLS FOR CADRE LABOR ARE BEING MOST FREQUENTLY PRAISED FOR THEIR RESULTS IN STIMULATING GREATER PRODUCTION EFFORTS FROM WORKERS AND PEASANTS. COUPLED WITH INCREASING OUTPUT, THE REGIME

ALSO IS DEFINING CADRE EFFORTS AS A WAY OF ENSURING ATTENTION TO PLANS AND TO KEEPING PRODUCTION ATTUNED TO LOCAL CONDITIONS (NCNA ENGLISH FEBRUARY 17). IN ADDITION, THE REMIE HAS REPORTED THAT THE CURRENT EFFORT TO INCREASE DISCIPLINE AND UNITY AND CRITICISM OF LIN BIAO AND CONFUCIUS HAS ALREADY BROUGHT ABOUT  
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PRODUCTION INCREASES (NCNA ENGLISH FEBRUARY 21).  
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6. SOUTH EAST ASIA

THE SURPRISE FEBRUARY 24 ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE SINGAPOREAN FOREIGN MINISTER WILL HEAD THE FIRST OFFICIAL GOS DELEGATION ON A VISIT TO CHINA NEXT MONTH COMES IN RESPONSE TO AN INVITATION ISSUED BY PRC FORMIN CHIAO KUAN-HUA AT LAST YEAR'S UNBA (SINGAPORE 742). THIS INVITATION REITERATES THE PRC'S INTEREST IN NORMALIZING RELATIONS WITH ASEAN STATES. APPARENTLY IN PREPARATION FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT, NCNA ON FEBRUARY 21 AND 22 REPORTED FAVORABLY ON THE SINGAPORE MEETING FEBRUARY 19 ON NAVIGATION IN THE MALACCA STRAITS AND CARRIED A LONG ARTICLE ON THE ASEAN STATE'S DEFENSE OF THEIR ECONOMIC RIGHTS. THE LATTER PRAISED ESTABLISHMENT OF ORGANIZATION DESIGNED TO CONTROL PRICES OF RAW MATERIALS, INCREASING UNITY BOTH AMONG ASEAN STATES AND WITH THE THIRD WORLD, AND THEIR JOINT STRUGGLE AGAINST INCREASED SEA FREIGHT CHARGES. NCNA ALSO CARRIED ITS FIRST MESSAGE FROM THE PHILIPPINE COMMUNIST PARTY THAT WE HAVE NOTED SINCE FEBRUARY 1974. DATED JANUARY 30, BUT CARRIED IN NCNA FEBRUARY 22, THE PCP CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE ON CONVENING OF THE NPC ENDS WITH THE PROMISE TO "MAKE OUR OWN CONTRIBUTION TO THE WORLD ANTI-IMPERIALIST STRUGGLE" AND AVOIDS ANY EXPLICIT CONDEMNATION OF THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT. (NCNA, FEBRUARY 21-22).

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7. SOVIET

CEREMONIAL VISIT IN CHINA OF SOVIET ARMY FOUNDING DAY WAS ON A PAR WITH 1974--- A RELATIVELY LOW-RANKING TURNOUT, HEADED BY A DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE GENERAL POLITICAL DEPARTMENT AT THE SOVIET MILITARY ATTACHE'S RECEPTION, AND WREATH-LAYING AT MONUMENTS BY CHINESE, BUT NOT SOVIETS, REPRESENTATIVES. THE MAJOR SOVIET NCNA ARTICLE DURING THE WEEK ATTACKED THE LATEST SOVIET PROPOSAL AT THE VIENNA TROP REDUCTION TALKS AND CHARGED THE SOVIETS AGAIN WITH TALKING OF DETENTE WHILE STEPPING UP ARMS EXPANSION. THE INCREASED DANGER OF WAR IS MENTIONED BUT THE EMPHASIS IS ON THE HEIGHTENED VIGILANCE OF OTHER COUNTRIES AGAINST SOVIET DESIGNS. IN PEKING, SOVIET BORDER NEGOTIATOR ILYICHEV IS APPARENTLY TWIDDLING HIS THUMBS WHILE AWAITING THE RETURN FROM NEPAL

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(ITEM 10) OF HIS NEW COUNTERPART, VICE FORMIN HAN NIEN-LUNG. THE SOVIETS HAVE CONTINUED (WR 8) TO DOWNPLAY THE IMPORTANCE OF ILYICHEV'S RETURN TO PEKING (PEKING 292). CONFIDENTIAL

8. SOUTH ASIA

SPECULATION ABOUT A WARMING TREND IN SINO-INDIAN RELATIONS REMAINS HIGH, WITH VICE PREMIER CHEN HSI-LIEN'S STATEMENT AT THE CALCUTTA AIRPORT ON HIS WAY TO NEPAL FUELING THE FLAMES. ALTHOUGH NOT CARRIED BY THE CHINESE MEDIA, WIRE SERVICES REPORTED

CHEN ASSERTED THAT THE PRESENT STATE OF SINO-INDIAN REALTIONS  
"CAN NOT CONTINUE FOR LONG". THE DEICSION (HONG KONG 1731) TO  
STOP AT CALCUTTA ON THE WAY TO KATHAMDU IS ANOTHER "STRAW-  
IN -THE-WIND" OF POSSIBLE IMPROVING SINO-INDIAN RELATIONS, AS WAS  
THE WARMTH OF THE CALCUTTA RECEPTION FOR THE RECENT CHINESE PING  
PONG TEAM (CALCUTTA 457). NCNA ACCOUNTS OF THE PING PONG TEAM'S  
ACTIVITIES  
IN NEW DELHI INDICATE THAT THEIR RECEIPTION WAS PERHAPS LESS  
EXUBERANT THAN THAT ACCORDED BY THE BENGALIS AND THAT THE  
HIGHEST RANKING GOI OFFICIAL INVOLVED WAS THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION.  
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9. IN OTHER SIGNS OF PRC INTEREST IN IMPROVING ITS INDIAN RELATIONS, NCNA HAS SOFT-PEDDLED BOTH THE NEW KASHMIRI AGREEMENT AND TERMINATION OF THE BAN ON US ARMS SALES TO SOUTH ASIA. ON KASHMIR, NCNA FEBRUARY 24 CARRIED EXCERPTS OF PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO'S STATEMENT BUT ADDED NO COMMENT OF ITS OWN. SIMILARLY , NCNA DID COMMENT ON THE CHANGED US ARMS POLICY AND CARRIED THE DEPARTMENT'S PRESS SPOKESMAN STATEMENT AUGMENTED ONLY BY A REPORTED QUOTE BY SECRETARY SISCO INDICATING THAT INDIA HAD BEEN GETTING ARMS FROM THE SOVIET AND PAKISTAN HAD BEEN DENIED ARMS BY THE US. BOTH ISSUES SERVED AS A PLATFORM FOR ADVERSE CHINESE COMMENT AGAINST THE INDIANS AND THIS STRAIGHT FORWARD REPORTING SEEMS CLEARLY TO INDICATE A CHINESE DESIRE NOT TO UPSET INDIA AT THIS TIME. (NCNA FEBRUARY 24-25).  
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10. NEPAL

AS BEFITTED THE OCCASION, THE PRC HAS PROVIDED CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION TO THE CORONATION OF KING BIRENDRA. THE PRC DELEGATION TO THE CORONATION WAS HEADED BY VICE PREMIER CHEN HSI-LIEN MAKING A RARE FOREIGN VISIT BY A POLITBURO MEMBER, AND SECONDED BY SENIOR VICE FORMIN HAN NIEN-LUNG. A CONGRATULATORY TELEGRAM, PERSONALLY FLATTERING TO THE KING, WAS SENT BY NPC CHAIRMAN CHU TEH AND PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI. FINALLY,



THE PEKING RECEPTION HOSTED BY THE NEPALESE CHARGE WAS ATTENDED BY  
A LARGE TURNOUT HEADED BY CHI TENG-KUEI, ANOTHER VICE PREMIER AND  
POLITBURO MEMBER. (NCNA FEBRUARY 21-25)  
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#### 11. INDOCHINA

PRC MEDIA HAVE CONTINUED TO ACCORD DEVELOPMENT S IN INDOCHINA  
LOW-KEY TREATMENT, REPORTING DRVN AND PRG POLITICAL STATEMENTS  
AND ECONOMIC PROGRESS AND CARRYING THE USUAL ROUNDUP OF AKI  
RELEASES ON CAMBODIAN INSURGENT FORCES' VICTORIES AND LON NOL  
DEFECTIONS AND DEFEATS. A CORRESPONDENT'S ARTICLE (THE LOWEST  
LEVEL OF OFFICIAL COMMENTARY) ON FEBRUARY 24 DOWNPLAYED THE  
IMPORTANCE OF THE US AIRLIFT AND REPEATED STANDING PRC  
CONTENTION THAT THE /CHIEFTIANS OF THE PHONM PENH CLIQUE...  
ARE COMPLETELY UNABLE TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT THE PRESENT SITUATION".  
ON THE SAME DAY, NNA NOTED THAT PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI MET WITH  
SIHANOUK, BUT DID NOT CHARACTERIZE THE MEETING WITH THE PRINCE,  
WHO HAD JUST RETURNED FROM A VISIT TO HANOI.  
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12. CHINA MARKED THE SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF THE VIENTIANE  
AGREEMENT IN SIMILAR LOW-KEY FASHION. NCNA NOTED ANNIVERSARY  
STATEMENTS BY VARIOUS LAOTIAN FACTIONS. A CORRESPONDENT ARTICLE  
HAILED THE SUCCESS OF THE LAO PEOPLE IN SAFEGUARDING THEIR GAINS  
AND DEFENDING THE AGREEMENT AND CALLED FOR CONTINUED VIGILANCE  
AGAINST VIETIANE ("ULTRA -RIGHTISTS" EFFORTS TO SABOTAGE AND  
OBSTRUCT THE AGREEMENT. (NCNA, FEBRUARY 19-25)  
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#### 13. AFRICA

PEKING ROLLED OUT THE RED CARPET, ACCORDING COURTESIES DUE A  
HEAD OF STATE FOR VISITING FRELIMO PRESIDENT SAMORA MOISES  
CACHEL, WHO WILL BECOME MOZAMBIQUE'S FIRST PRESIDENT IN JUNE. AT A  
BANQUET IN HIS HONOR, MACHEL, WHO HAD ALREADY MET WITH PREMIER  
CHOU AND VICE PREMIER TENG, EFFUSIVELY PRAISED THE CONTRUBTION  
OF THE WORKS OF MAO AND PRC ASSISTANCE TO FRELIMO AND THE  
MOZAMBIQUE PEOPLE IN CHARTERING THE CORRECT (I.E., ARMED ROAD  
TO INDEPENDENCE. HIS BANQUET REMARKS WERE CONFINED TO AFRICAN  
DEVELOPMENTS BUT REFLECTED ALMOST COMPLETE ACCEPTANCE OF PRC  
POSITIONS. ALTHOUGH HE MODESTLY MAINTAINED THAT HE HAD COME TO  
PEKING " TO STUDY AND LEARN" , MACHEL UNDOUBTEDLY RETURN HOME  
WITH TACIT AGREEMENTS GOVERNING PRC AID AND ASSISTANCE AS CHINA  
SEEKS TO MAXIMIZE FURTHER ITS RELATIVELY SMALL, BUT POLITICALLY  
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PROFITABLE, INVESTMENT IN AFRICA. (HK 1827)  
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14. MEANWHILE, NCNA FEBRUARY 22 REPORTED THE 24TH SESSION OF THE OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, NOTING THAT THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT'S IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS DECOLONIZATION POLICY AND OAU'S REMOVAL OF OBJECTIONS TO NATIONS' ENTERING INTO DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE NEW LISBON GOVERNMENT. IN THIS REGARD, TENG PRUDENTLY AVOIDED CRITICISM OF PORTUGAL IN HIS BANQUET SPEECH FOR MACHEL AND ATTEMPTED TO SHIFT THE FOCUS OF ATTENTION TO THE SITUATION IN SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA, CONDEMNING THEIR POLICIES ADVOCATING "RECONCILIATION" (CNNA FEBRUARY 19-25)  
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15. NCNA ANNOUNCED FEBRUARY 26 ANOTHER AFRICAN VISITOR, CONGOLESE PRIME MINISTER HENRI LOPES, WHO IS DUE TO ARRIVE FEBRUARY 27. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
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